

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
1:21-cv-00164-MR

THOMAS HUGHES, )  
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Plaintiff,       )  
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vs.                )                   ORDER  
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JAMES W. PROPST, )  
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Defendant.       )  
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**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court *sua sponte* on the Court's denial of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

The parties are directed to notify the Court within fourteen (14) days of this Order if they object to participating in a judicial settlement conference pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3(d) in an effort to settle this matter without a trial.

The parties are advised that, should a judicial settlement conference being undertaken in this matter to facilitate settlement, there is no requirement that the case settle through such a conference. Rather, if a judicial settlement conference were unsuccessful, the matter would proceed to trial. Should either or both parties object to a judicial settlement conference in this matter, the matter will be set for trial to occur as soon as

feasible.

**ORDER**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the parties shall notify the Court within fourteen (14) days of this Order if they object to a judicial settlement conference in this matter in accordance with the terms of this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: April 25, 2023



Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge

